

DR. COOK WINS NOTABLE VICTORY OVER DETRACTORS

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Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The allegations made by Captain Looze and his companion, Dunkle, that they added Dr. Cook in preparing his data for submission to the university authorities who are examining Dr. Cook's proofs of his dash to the pole, will not be considered here, the committee today deciding that the Looze-Dunkle papers are of no interest to them.
It had been expected that the committee would at least compare the figures which Looze alleged he prepared for Dr. Cook with the Brooklyn doctor's official observations, but the committee decided that the so-called observations have no bearing on Dr. Cook's claims that he reached the pole and cannot properly be considered by it.
Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Should the polar data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook be of an absolutely accurate nature, it will arouse more suspicion in the minds of the committee that is examining it on behalf of the University than if it is somewhat inaccurate. This was made plain today by a member of the committee who declared that it was a known fact that frost and storms admittedly encountered in the polar regions rendered absolute ac-

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First Degree Verdict is Out of Question, Court Tells Jurymen Who Retired at 12:20, Noon.

Napoleon Bissonnette should know his fate at an early hour this evening. His case went to the jury at 12:20 this afternoon following the charge to the jury by Judge Ralph Wheeler, preceded by the arguments for the State by State's Attorney Julius Judson. The judge's charge to the jury seemingly indicated that the court did not expect a verdict of first degree murder on the evidence.
The strain of the week on the accused, Bissonnette, does not seem to have any effect on the little man. Today he sat in the prisoners' box, the cynosure of all eyes, still held his head up. Many expressions of sympathy were heard on all sides. It does not seem possible that a man of his innocent appearance could commit crime. He listened intently to the scathing arraignment by the attorney for the State, but showed no signs of emotion. During the charge of the court, his gaze constantly rested on the jury, often smiling upon the solemn looking faces of the talesmen. He does not look like a man who has killed.
Following the filing out of the jury, Bissonnette was asked by one of the sheriffs if he had anything to say. He remarked that he would like to get away from the gaze of the spectators.
The jury was called back at 1:10 o'clock by the court, who explained that because of the hour the men called have their jury. The court ordered them to the Stratfield Hotel till 2 o'clock, and placed them in the charge of the sheriffs, also warning them not to speak of the shooting to anybody.
Attorney Judson in his arguments threw a surprise into the spectators when he remarked that the claim of self defense was not supported in the slightest degree by the evidence. The defense had stated in their arguments that Bissonnette had fired the fatal shot while being choked by Demery. He either had to defend himself or probably be the person injured. Bissonnette had stated on the stand that he uncovered the pistol to scare off Demery to keep from being harmed, but that the shooting itself was accidental, the shot being fired without his

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PRESIDENT TAFT TO SLEEP HERE IN "MAYFLOWER"

PRIVATE CAR WILL BE SWITCHED INTO SIDING FROM FEDERAL EXPRESS.

Arriving Here at 2:19 a. m. Tomorrow, He Will Remain until 7:30 a. m., when Naugatuck Division Train Will Take Him to Watertown to Funeral of Brother's Wife.
President Taft will spend five hours here tomorrow morning, most of them before the average citizen arises. His itinerary has been so arranged that he will arrive in Bridgeport on the Federal express which passes through here from Washington at 2:19 a. m. The Mayflower, his private car, will be dropped off in this city, switched to track No. 6, the Naugatuck division siding at the east side of the station, and will remain there until the second north bound train on the Naugatuck division pulls out of the city at 6 o'clock.
President Taft will attend the funeral in Watertown of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Horace Dutton Taft, whose death occurred at Baltimore, Md., yesterday. He will remain at his private car, and will probably not arise in time to be seen at the station here, reporting in his sleeping apartment in the Mayflower.
The Washington police today requested Superintendent Birmingham to make provision for the guarding of his excellency's private car. Superintendent Birmingham has arranged to detail Sergeant Blansfield and a squad of police to see that there is no disturbance about the station while the President rests.
The stop in this city is necessitated by no train accommodations through to Watertown connecting with the Federal express.

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Rector of St. Augustine's R. C. Church, Seymour Never Regained Consciousness.

EXECUTIVE OF MARKED ABILITY

(Special from United Press.)
Seymour, Conn., Dec. 17.—As a result of a fall down stairs in the rectory of St. Augustine's church in this town late yesterday afternoon, Rev. Father Michael Rigney, 50 years old, one of the best known Catholic clergymen in the state, died today.
Father Rigney started down stairs to his study yesterday afternoon and stumbled on the landing, being thrown with terrific force to the floor below. His head struck on the banister in the descent, causing a severe fracture at the base of the skull. Father Rigney instantly became unconscious and, despite the best efforts of the physicians, failed to regain consciousness before he died.
Father Rigney had been rector of St. Augustine's church since April, 1894. He received his early education at St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md. Later he studied for orders in Canada. He was ordained in St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore.
His first ministerial work was as curate of St. Patrick's church, New Haven. Later he was transferred to churches at Cornwall Ridge and Sharon. When he took charge of St. Augustine's church he found the parish in poor financial condition. The church was heavily burdened with debts and the members were not in a position to remedy it materially.
Father Rigney, at once went to work among the leading citizens of the town and before long through sheer personal initiative and interest, raised the entire debt. Later he raised funds for the erection of a church at Beacon Falls, four miles from here. He was justly pastor of this church in connection with the St. Augustine parish at the time of his death.
Father Rigney is survived by two sisters, Miss Anne Rigney, of this city, and Mrs. Kavanagh, of Norwalk, and one brother, the Rev. Joseph Rigney of Highlands, N. J.

QUARTERS FOR TRADE SCHOOL RENTED IN FACTORY BUILDING

Three Large Floors of New Building Erected For Spring Perch Company Have Been Leased -- School Will be Open to All Residents of This Part of the State.

Through President Fred Enos of the Board of Trade Charles D. Hine, secretary of the State Board of Education has practically arranged for the location of the Bridgeport Trade School in the modern factory building of the Bridgeport Spring Perch Co. in John street, between the Engine house and the school. The building has three large floors in the upper part of the building. The building is adequately lighted, two of the floors having large windows on three sides and one, the top floor, on four sides.
The lease will be signed on January 1, and the school will begin to occupy it at once.
The three floors which will be used were originally intended for the Bridgeport Spring Perch Co., which discontinued operations in this city. The shuffling for power already run through the floors and electric lighting facilities are already installed. In fact, a modern modern building arranged for the purposes needed could not have been secured unless the building was constructed purposely.
The curriculum of the school will include tool making, plumbing, carpentry and general machine work.
The State Board of Education will have charge of the work of selecting the instructors. The school is open to residents of this part of the state.

STRIKERS QUIT WORK AGAIN CLAIMING COMPANY BROKE FAITH

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 17.—The strike of the Ludlow Poles is on again. All hands returned to work this morning as agreed upon by the board of arbitration's plan, but they all walked out again, refusing to work with strike-breakers who number at least 500. The Ludlow Manufacturing Associates refuse to discharge the employees engaged during the strike, and deputies to assist in maintaining order. The strikers claimed that they returned to their places in the mills with the understanding that they should not receive the wages offered by the company, namely 20 cents per hundred yards of woven cloth. The strikers had demanded 24 cents the original strike was ordered to enforce this demand. After returning to the mills today, the strikers learned that the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates were going to pay 20 cents per 100 yards whereas, they say, they had been given to understand that they would be paid the 24 cents demanded.

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WANTED.—Tool maker experienced on all screw machine tools and canning up. State wages and salary expected. Edison Storage Battery Co., Orange, N. J. T 16 s o
FOR SALE.—Canvass taupaulins, fine for covering building material, launches, etc. Barnum & Bailey Winter Headquarters, Norwalk, Conn. T 16 s o
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Nothing better than the Pekin, Japanese, Pomeranian and King Charles puppies for sale. Prices reasonable. Schubert 643 North ave. T 16 s o
TO RENT.—Five rooms, all improvements, Enquire 1037 North ave. T 15 s po
SECOND HAND AUTO BARGAINS.—Ford Runabouts, like new, \$300.00. Smart Touring Cars, 20 h. p., \$250.00. Winton Touring Car, 40 h. p., \$500.00. Ford, 146 Fairfield ave. T 16 d o
FOR SALE.—\$400 new upright piano with scarf and stool. \$175 if sold at once. 174 Sixth St. T 13 d o
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CARD OF THANKS.
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